GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Tax) Department - Surprise check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam district on 12.03.2016 - Allegations of corruption against Sri C.V. Narayana Reddy, AO (CTO) (SO-1) and 10 others - Common disciplinary proceedings initiated - Articles of Charges framed - Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer appointed - Inquiry Report submitted - Communicated - Written representations submitted - Imposed penalties - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 612 Dated: 20-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.37/DES-VSK/2016, dated 27.09.2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No.263. Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 03.04.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.264, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 03.04.2019.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467 and 468, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 03.04.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.127, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 08.03.2021.
6. G.O.Rt.No.247, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 06.05.2021.
7. Report of Inquiry Officer Rc.No.118/2010, A1, dated 25.11.2022.
8. From the CCST's, Lr.Ref.No.V1/119/2016, dated 03.01.2023.
9. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/1/2017-VIG II-REV, dated 13.11.2023.
10. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/262/2016, dated 23.06.2023, 19.11.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, the DG, ACB in the reference 1st read above has stated that on credible information that the employees of the Commercial Tax Department, Transport Dept., Agricultural Marketing Committee and Forest Dept., working at the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram (Itchapuram), Srikakulam dist., were indulging in corrupt practices habitually by collecting illegal gratifications directly through private persons by abusing their official positions from the crew members / owners of the vehicles, whose vehicles are passing through the check post, without conducting physical verification of the vehicles and connected records of the vehicles and goods being transported and not collecting required fees/fax dues and fines for the violations from the owners and crew members of the vehicles and causing thereby gaining pecuniary advantage for themselves and huge loss to the Govt., exchequer, the officials of ACB, Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Srikakulam on 12.03.2016 in the presence of the mediators and recommended for departmental action against 11 Suspected Officers from various Departments i.e., six SOs from the Commercial Taxes (CT) Dept., one SO from the Agricultural Market Committee (AMC), one SO from Prohibition & Excise (P&E), one SO from Mines & Geology and two SOs from the Transport Department.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Govt., have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against 10 staff officers i.e., 1) Sri C.V.Narayana Reddy, AO (CTO) (SO-1), 2) Sri Lalapu Satyanarayana, ACTO (SO-3), 3) Sri Karri Gowri Sankara Rao, Jr.Asst., C.T.Dept (SO-4), 4) Sri A.Ramana, O.S., C.T.Dept (SO-10), 5) Smt.A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk, O/o.AO, ICP, Purushottapuram (SO-11), 6) Sri Nakka Govinda Rao, Asst.Market Supervisor, AMC, Itchapuram (SO-7), 7) Sri R.Nanababu, Prohibition & Excise S.I. (SO-8), 8) Sri Md.Rehman Ali, Technical Asst., Mines & Geology Dept (SO-9), 9) Sri R.Sudheer, AMVI (SO-5) and Sri U.Durga Prasad, AMVI (SO-6) respectively under Sub-Rules (1) and (2) of Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Govt., issued orders sanction for departmental proceedings against Sri R.Nanababu, Prohibition & Excise Sub

Inspector, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam dist., now retired from service on 28.02.2018 under sub-clause (1) of clause (b) of Sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, Govt., have framed articles of charges against 10 (ten) Charged Officers viz., 1) Sri C.V.Narayana Reddy, AO (CTO) (retired on 31.08.2020) (SO-1), 2) Sri Lalam Satyanarayana, ACTO (retired on 31.05.2021) (AO-3), 3) Sri Karri Gowri Sankara Rao, Jr.Asst., C.T.Dept (SO-4), 4) Sri A.Ramana, O.S., C.T.Dept.(SO-10), 5) Smt.A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk, O/o.AO, C.T.Dept.(SO-11), 6) Sri Nakka Govinda Rao, Asst.Market Supervisor, AMC (SO-7), 7) Sri R.Nanababu, Prohibition & Excise S.I. (retired on 28.02.2018) (SO-8), 8) Sri Mohammed Rehman Ali, Technical Asst., Mines & Geology Dept.(SO-9), 9) Sri Rajeti Sudheer, AMVI, Transport Dept.(SO-5) and 10) Sri Uppu Durga Prasad, AMVI, Transport Dept.(SO-6) respectively under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

5. After examining the written statements of defense submitted by the Charged Officers in the references 5th read above, Govt., have appointed Sri Kiran Kumar, Joint Commissioner (CT), Vizianagaram as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against ten (10) Charged Officers. In the reference 6th read above, Sri B.V.S.S.Ramana Murthy, Dy.Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of disciplinary authority in support of the articles of charges framed against the ten (10) Charged Officers.

6. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above the Joint Commissioner (ST) & Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report and in the reference 8th read above, the CCST has forwarded the inquiry report along with the findings on each article of charges framed against the ten (10) Charged Officers pertaining to various Departments i.e., Commercial Tax, Agricultural Market Committee, Prohibition & Excise, Mines & Geology and Transport Departments. Whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the inquiry report has been communicated to ten (10) Charged Officers under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a request submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the inquiry authority within 15 days.

7. Whereas, in the references 10th read above, the CCST has furnished the representations/served copies of the Charged Officers to Govt., for taking further necessary action in the matter. The CCST has further reported that out of (11) Charged Officers, one Sri B.Ramarao, ACTO expired on 16.09.2017 and the inquiry not conducted against him. Out of remaining (10) Charged Officers, Charge is held not proved against (03) Charged Officers i.e., SOs-11, 5 and 6 respectively, 3 charged officers have been retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation and action will be taken against them as per the AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. Government after careful examination of the findings of Inquiry Authority and the explanations/representations submitted by the Charged Officers hereby order to impose the following penalties against the Charged Officers as detailed below:-

Sl No.	Name of the Charged Officer	Penalty Imposed
1.	Sri B.Ramarao, ACTO (SO-2)	Further action abated as the CO is expired on 16-09-2017.
2.	Smt.A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk, O/o.AO, ICP, Purushottapuram (SO-11)	Further action dropped as the charge held not proved.
3.	Sri Karri Gowri Sankara Rao, Jr.Asst.(SO-4)	Penalty of "Censure" as out of two charges, Charge-I is partly proved.
4.	Sri A. Ramana, O.S.(SO-10)	Penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect as charge is held proved.
5.	Sri N. Govinda Rao, Asst.Market Supervisor, Itchapuram (SO-7)	Penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect as out of two charges, charge -2

		held proved.
6.	Sri Md.Rehman Ali, Technical Asst., Mines & Geology Dept. (SO-9)	Penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect as charge is held proved.
7.	Sri R.Sudheer, AMVI (SO-5)	Further action dropped as the charge held not proved.
8.	Sri U.Durga Prasad, AMVI (SO-6)	Further action dropped as the charge held not proved.

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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All the individuals (through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax,
Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

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The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada for favour of information
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